Subject No. 158.

Government to bear half the cost of constructing schools in villages.

Mr. Parameswaraiya of Mandya Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Much inconvenience is felt in villages for want of separate buildings for schools; raiyats are too poor to bear all the cost of constructing the same. It is therefore requested that half the cost therefor may be kindly borne by the Government.

Reply of Government.—*Vide* Subject No. 157.

REVENUE.

Subject No. 159.

Reduction of garden assessment.

Mr. Nadig Ranga Rao, Honnali Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The assessment imposed on arecanut gardens in Malnad Taluks at the Survey Settlement is heavy. In addition to this, the halat duty is also levied. This double taxation is opposed to justice and has reduced many garden owners to an abject condition besides resulting in many gardens being sold for arrears of kandayam. The reduction of assessment on supari gardens made some time ago was not uniform. It is therefore prayed that the highest wet rates may be fixed as garden assessment as in the Madras Presidency and the excess be reduced.

Note.—This was discussed at the end and is being dealt with separately.

Subject No. 160.

Revision of wet assessment on lands.

Messrs. Belavatta Timma Setty and Ramanuja Iyengar of Gubbi Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Rules now in force regarding the remission of wet assessment do not in any way improve the condition of the raiyat and are in need of modification.

The rate of wet assessment now levied being heavy, may be revised.

Reply of Government.—The existing rules cannot be changed. Individual cases may be represented to the Deputy Commissioner.

Subject No. 161.

Nirsardi of lands in another village to be added on to the beriz of the amanikere.

Mr. Hutcheeregowda of Gubbi Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Assessment on wet lands newly commanded by a tank but situated in a village different from that of tank, may be added on to the beriz of the amanikere. This may be done at least during the revision of survey, if not for the present.

Reply of Government.—This is impracticable.

Subject No. 162.

Remission of half assessment on wet lands lying banjar for two years.

Mr. Krishna Iyengar of Turuvekere Sub-Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Remission may be granted of half the assessment on wet lands lying uncultivated for two years consecutively owing to there being no water in the tank.

Reply of Government.—No change of rules can be ordered. Each case will be dealt with on its own merits.

Subject No. 163.

Reduction of garden rates to ordinary wet rates in certain cases.

Mr. Gopalaiya, District Board Member.

Summary of discussion.—A great many supari and other garden lands which were in a flourishing condition at the time of the original settlement have since become deteriorated. As they have consumed a large outlay, the owners are generally unwilling to part with them and have therefore been reluctantly paying banjar kandayam thereon for years together. It is requested that, during the resurvey, the assessment on such lands may be reduced after due enquiry.

Reply of Government.—Await resettlement.